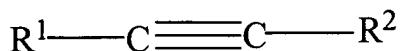


1. (Currently amended) A compound according to the structure:



where  $R^1$  is an

optionally substituted  $\begin{array}{c} O \\ \parallel \\ C - R_a \end{array}$  group;

$R_a$  is a H, OH, a  $C_1-C_{10}$  optionally substituted alkyl or alkenyl group, an optionally substituted O- ( $C_1-C_7$  alkyl group) or O-aryl group, an amine group which is optionally substituted with at least one  $C_1-C_{10}$  alkyl group which may be optionally substituted, or a single optionally substituted aryl group, biphenyl group, ( $C_1-C_6$ ) alkylenearyl group, ( $C_1-C_6$ ) alkylenebiphenyl group, heteroaryl group, heterocyclic group, ( $C_1-C_6$ ) alkylene heteroaryl group or ( $C_1-C_6$ ) alkylene heterocyclic group;

$R^2$  is a  $\begin{array}{c} O \\ \parallel \\ C - R_b \end{array}$  group;

$R_b$  is a H, OH,  $C_1-C_{10}$ , optionally substituted alkyl or alkenyl group, an optionally substituted O- ( $C_1-C_7$  alkyl group) or O-aryl group, an amine group which is optionally substituted with at least one  $C_1-C_{10}$  alkyl group which may be optionally substituted, or a single optionally substituted aryl group, biphenyl group, ( $C_1-C_6$ ) alkylenearyl group, ( $C_1-C_6$ ) alkylenebiphenyl group, heteroaryl group, heterocyclic group, ( $C_1-C_6$ ) alkylene heteroaryl group or ( $C_1-C_6$ ) alkylene heterocyclic group;

with the proviso that at least one of  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  contains an  $R_a$  or  $R_b$  group which is an amine group which is optionally substituted with at least one  $C_1-C_{10}$  alkyl group which may be optionally substituted, or a single optionally substituted aryl group, biphenyl group, ( $C_1-C_6$ ) alkylenearyl group, ( $C_1-C_6$ ) alkylenebiphenyl group, heteroaryl group, heterocyclic group, ( $C_1-C_6$ )

C<sub>6</sub>) alkylene heteroaryl group or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkylene heterocyclic group; or a stereoisomer, pharmaceutically acceptable salt, or solvate, and polymorph thereof.

2. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1 wherein R<sub>a</sub> is OH or an optionally substituted O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> alkyl group) or O-aryl group; and

R<sub>b</sub> is an amine group which is optionally substituted with at least one C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkyl group which may be optionally substituted, or an optionally substituted aryl group, biphenyl group, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkylenearyl group, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkylenebiphenyl group, heteroaryl group, heterocyclic group, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkylene heteroaryl group or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkylene heterocyclic group.

3. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1 wherein R<sub>a</sub> is OH.

4. (Original) The compound according to claim 1 wherein R<sub>a</sub> is an optionally substituted O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> alkyl group) or O-aryl group.

5. (Original) The compound according to claim 2 wherein R<sub>a</sub> is an optionally substituted O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> alkyl group) or O-aryl group.

6. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 2 wherein R<sub>a</sub> is an optionally substituted O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> alkyl group).

7. (Original) The compound according to claim 1 wherein R<sub>b</sub> is an amine group which is optionally substituted with at least one C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkyl group which may be optionally substituted, or a single optionally substituted aryl group, biphenyl group, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkylenearyl group, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkylenebiphenyl group, heteroaryl group, heterocyclic group, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkylene heteroaryl group or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkylene heterocyclic group.

8. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 2 wherein R<sub>b</sub> is an amine group

which is optionally substituted with at least one C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkyl group which may be optionally substituted, or a single optionally substituted aryl group, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkylenearyl group, heteroaryl group, heterocyclic group, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkylene heteroaryl group or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkylene heterocyclic group.

9. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 4 wherein R<sub>b</sub> is an amine group which is optionally substituted with at least one C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkyl group which may be optionally substituted, or a single optionally substituted aryl group, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkylenearyl group, heteroaryl group, heterocyclic group, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkylene heteroaryl group or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkylene heterocyclic group.

10. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 1 wherein R<sub>a</sub> is an optionally substituted O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> alkyl group) and R<sub>b</sub> is an amine group which is optionally substituted with at least one C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkyl group which may be optionally substituted, or a single optionally substituted aryl group, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkylenearyl group, heteroaryl group, heterocyclic group, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkylene heteroaryl group or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkylene heterocyclic group.

11. (Original) The compound according to claim 1 wherein R<sub>b</sub> is an amine group which is optionally substituted with a single cyclohexyl group, an optionally substituted phenyl group, or an optionally substituted benzyl group and R<sub>a</sub> is a O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl) group or an O-phenyl group.

12. (Original) The compound according to claim 2 wherein R<sub>b</sub> is an amine group which is optionally substituted with a single cyclohexyl group, an optionally substituted phenyl group, or an optionally substituted benzyl group and R<sub>a</sub> is a O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl) group or an O-phenyl group.

13. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 4 wherein R<sub>b</sub> is an amine group which is optionally substituted with a single cyclohexyl group, an optionally substituted phenyl group, or an optionally substituted benzyl group and R<sub>a</sub> is a O-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl) group or an O-

phenyl group.

14. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

15. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 2 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

16. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 3 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

17. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 4 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

18. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 5 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

19. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 6 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

20. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 7 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or

excipient.

21. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 8 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

22. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 9 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

23. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 10 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

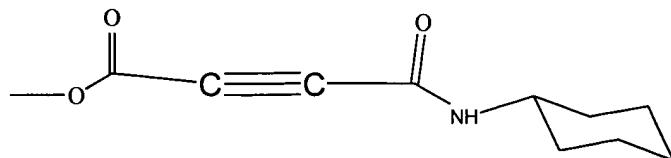
24. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 11 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

25. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 12 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

26. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 13 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.

27.-30. Cancelled.

31. (Currently amended) A ~~composition according to claim 1~~ compound according to the chemical structure:



32. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 31 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, additive or excipient.